

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to correct antecedent bases.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-16, 18-19, 21-29, 31-32, and 34-38

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-16, 18-19, 21-29, 31-32, and 34-38 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In particular, the Examiner asserted that independent claims 1, 12, and 28 lack sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has corrected the insufficient antecedent basis in these claims respectfully submits that claims 1, 12, and 28, as amended, and claims 2, 4-5, 7-11, 13-16, 18-19, 21-27, 29, 31-32, and 34-38 that depend on them satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under § 112.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-16, 18-19, 21-29, 31-32, and 34-38 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the after final amendment as this amendment reduces the number of issues for appeal. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Eric Replogle at (408) 720-8300 x7514.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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